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In re the Application of:

Yuji KUMAKURA

Serial No. 09/488,019

Group Art Unit: 2122

Confirmation No. 3839

Filed: January 20, 2000

Examiner: Chuck O. Kendall

For: INFORMATION PROCESSOR, METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION AND
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDED WITH PROGRAM
CODE FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER TO PROCESS INFORMATION

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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested, because the amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references.

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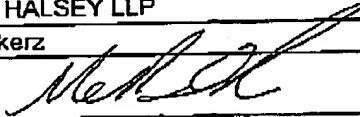
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